



Hamburg Township Public Safety Department



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TO: Hamburg Township Board

FROM: Chief Richard Duffany

DATE: April 16, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TOPIC: Police Millage

Number of Supporting Documents: N/A

Requested Action

- Motion to approve a resolution placing the Hamburg Township Police Millage question on the August 4, 2026 election ballot.

Background

The current voter-approved police millage for Hamburg Township expires in 2027. As there are no elections scheduled in 2027, the Township Board made the determination to place the replacement police millage on the August 4, 2026 election ballot. The Board also directed me to consult with the department’s command staff along with a committee comprised of three Board members to determine the particulars of a new millage request (i.e., the amount of mills to be requested and duration of the millage).

After consulting with the police command staff and millage committee members as well as obtaining property tax information from the Assessing Department and financial projections from the Township’s accountant from Plante & Moran, it is the recommendation of the committee that the Board approve the attached resolution. This resolution places the Hamburg Township Police Millage question on the August 4, 2026 election ballot. The language of the millage ballot question was approved by the Township Attorney and requests that the voters approve a tax levy for police services of 2.9717 mills (\$2.9717 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, 2026 – 2035 inclusive. This would represent a 0.6 mill increase over the current millage levy.

Fiscal Considerations

Does the agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes No

If YES, are funds budgeted? Yes No

Fiscal year affected: 2026/2027

Is a budget amendment required? Yes No

General Ledger numbers affected: _____

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION TO PLACE POLICE MILLAGE QUESTION ON AUGUST 4, 2026 BALLOT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees, held at the Hamburg Township Hall located at 10405 Merrill Road, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on April 21, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m., there were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution was moved by _____, and supported by _____ to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees wishes to provide police services; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide police services, as authorized by Public Act 246 of 1945, MCL 41.181; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees wishes to levy 2.9717 mills (\$2.9717 per \$1000 of taxable value) to provide police services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the following millage ballot question and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 4, 2026 election ballot:

Shall Hamburg Township be authorized to levy a tax annually upon the taxable value of all property in the township subject to ad valorem taxation for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of police services in the township in an amount not to exceed 2.9717 mills (\$2.9717 on each \$1000.00 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 to 2035 inclusive? If approved by the voters, the new millage will commence and the previously voter-approved police millage of 2.25 mills (\$2.25 on each \$1000.00 of taxable value) which has been rolled back by the Headlee Amendment millage reduction to 2.3717 mills (\$2.3717 on each \$1000.00 of taxable value) will be terminated. If approved by the voters, the estimated revenue that would be raised in the first year of the millage is \$4,592,456.26.

A roll call vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michael Dolan, being the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan hereby certify that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Township Board on April 21, 2026; (2) the original of such resolution is on file in the records of the Clerk's office; (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended); and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and have been (or will be) made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

DATE:

Michael Dolan, Hamburg Township Clerk